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MAYOR'S 2016 BUDGET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

The Common Council on Monday approved Mayor Pete Buttigieg's 2016 budget, a \$305 million blueprint whose passage represents a victory for public safety, economic development, and South Bend neighborhoods.

"I am thankful to Council members, city staff, and members of the public for the extensive collaboration and participation that went into this budget," says Mayor Buttigieg. "We are investing together to make sure growth is felt in every part of the city and to meet shared priorities like jobs, safety, and quality of life." The budget was developed with Council members in 15 public meetings across five months.

The majority of the general fund, 85 percent, went to public safety. The South Bend Police and Fire Departments are getting around \$60 million for next year. That includes a new senior human resource generalist position to provide dedicated human resources services to public safety divisions.

The budget includes \$18,000 to provide for a potential future municipal identification card program. The program, which will be brought to Council for approval and implementation in 2016, is being designed to connect South Bend residents to services, programs, and benefits, regardless of immigration status, homeless status, or gender identity.

The budget also allots up to \$104,000 for a new diversity inclusion officer to lead the development, implementation, and assessment of strategies to enhance diversity and inclusion in the City workforce. "Our administration ought to reflect the community we serve," says Mayor Buttigieg.

The budget also commits resources to neighborhood services, with \$1.5 million going toward curb and sidewalk improvements. This allocation was increased compared to the original proposal, based on requests from Council members for enhanced funding.

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